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SUBJECT: HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VISIT

REF PRAGUE 2034

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF CODEL'S INTENTIONS RE MEETING CSSR OFFICIALS. IN VIEW MFA OFFICIAL'S COMMENT TO CHARGE THAT TRIP IS "UNCONFIRMED," AND NECESSITY FOR MAKING SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURES IN VERY NEAR FUTURE FOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT, EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS INFORMATION ON STATUS OF CODEL'S VISA REQUESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS ON CONSULAR MATTERS, ON CSSR'S COMPLIANCE WITH HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND ON ANY OTHER SUBJECT IN WHICH CODEL EXPRESSES INTEREST. HOWEVER, WITH FACT IN MIND THAT CSSR HAS REFUSED PREVIOUS CONGRESSIONAL VISA REQUESTS WHEN ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH FINAL ACT, WE REQUEST SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER CODEL WISHES TO CALL ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WHAT LEVEL OF CONTACT IS DESIRED, AND WHAT THE ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO BE. EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH CODEL'S WISHES, BUT PRESENT ATMOSPHERE HERE MAKES IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT CSSR OFFICIALS WILL AGREE TO DISCUSS SENSITIVE SUBJECTS WITH CODEL.

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3. DURING MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS WITH MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY, CHARGE MENTIONED CODEL TRIP. ZANTOVSKY NOTED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT TRIP FROM CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND, WITH CAREFUL CHOICE OF WORDS, ADDED THAT HE CONSIDERED TRIP "UNCONFIRMED." CAN DEPT PROVIDE INFO ON STATUS OF CODEL'S VISA REQUESTS?

4. WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF ALL CONGRESSMEN WHO PLAN TO MAKE TRIP.

5. EMBASSY CURRENTLY HAS TENTATIVE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND CAR RENTALS FOR CODEL VISIT. HOWEVER, WE MUST CONFIRM OUR INTENTIONS FOR THE ABOVE NLT COB AUGUST 8, 1977. HOTEL COSTS FOR CODEL PARTY AND CREW ARE \$3,879. CAR RENTAL WITH 11 DRIVERS FOR DURATION OF VISIT WILL BE \$2,376.

6. REQUEST TO KNOW ANY SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CODEL PARTY MAY HAVE DURING VISIT.
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